

--5. (New) A device for controlling a telecommunications system between a plurality of networks, each network of the plurality of networks being designed for services or parts of services, comprising:

at least one network management device;

at least one service management device; and

at least one domain manager;

wherein the at least one domain manager has access to a selected network management device;

wherein the at least one service management device is selected, and the at least one domain manager is linkable to the selected at least one service management device; and

wherein the at least one network management device is assigned to each network of the plurality of networks and the at least one network management device being controllable by the at least one service management device.

6. (New) The device as recited in claim 5, further comprising:

a controllable matrix to link the at least one service management device to the at least one domain manager.

7. (New) The device as recited in claim 6, wherein:

the controllable matrix is configured to be controlled in conformance with an end-to-end connection to be managed.

8. (New) The device as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

an at least one customer network management device,

wherein the at least one customer network management device is configured connectable via the controllable matrix.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 4 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/EP00/09427, and adds without prejudice new claims 5 to 8. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without the claims) contains no new matter. The amendments